

# **Exhibit A**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRIANNA CAMPBELL, SHAKEIM ROBINSON, and :  
KEVAUGHN ROBINSON on behalf of themselves and :  
others similarly situated, : Case No. 22 Civ. 2813 (MKB)(PK)

Plaintiff, :  
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- against - :  
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BUKHARI GROUP LLC, NAFEES BUKHARI, an :  
individual, ALI BUTT, an individual, 4399 BRONX :  
CHICKEN LLC, BAYCHESTER CHICKEN BG LLC., :  
3555 WHITE PLAINS BG LLC, 3411 JEROME AVE :  
CORP., and CONEY FOOD OF NY LLC, :  
: :

Defendants. :  
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**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement<sup>1</sup> is entered into by the above-captioned Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, and Defendants Bukhari Group LLC, 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., Coney Food of NY LLC, Nafees Bukhari, and Ali Butt:

**RECITALS AND BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, as outlined in the Second Amended Complaint, Plaintiffs allege various wage-and-hour violations and scheduling violations under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et. seq. (“FLSA”), the New York Labor Law, Articles 9 and 16 (“NYLL”), and the New York City Fair Workweek Law, Title 20, Chapter 12 of the New York City Administrative Code (“Fair Workweek Law”).

**WHEREAS**, Defendants dispute Plaintiffs’ allegations and deny that it is liable or owes damages to anyone with respect to the allegations in the forthcoming Complaint.

**WHEREAS**, after engaging in informal and formal discovery, a full-day mediation followed by mediated discussed, and continued arms’ length negotiations, through September 2023.

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are satisfied that the terms and conditions of this Agreement are fair, reasonable, and adequate and that this Agreement is in the best interest of the Parties and the Class.

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<sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms are defined in the Section 1 unless indicated otherwise.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises set forth in this Agreement, as well as the good and valuable consideration provided for herein, the Parties agree to a settlement on the following terms and conditions:

**1. DEFINITIONS**

The defined terms have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

- 1.1 *Agreement.*** “Agreement” means the instant Settlement Agreement, including Exhibits 1 through 6.
- 1.2 *Claim Form.*** “Claim Form” means the form attached as Exhibit 2, subject to Court approval, which each Class Member must complete by the close of the Notice Period, to recover their Individual Settlement Payment.
- 1.3 *Class Counsel.*** “Class Counsel” means Kessler Matura, P.C., 534 Broadhollow Road, Ste., 275, Melville, New York 11747, by Troy L. Kessler and Garrett Kaske, and the Law Office of Delmas A. Costin, Jr., PC, 930 Grand Concourse, Suite 1B, Bronx, New York 10451.
- 1.4 *Class List.*** “Class List” means a manipulatable electronic list containing the following information for each Class Member: name, Social Security Number, dates of employment with Defendants, last known addresses, last known phone numbers, and total gross earnings paid by Defendants during the Relevant Period.
- 1.5 *Class Members.*** “Class” and “Class Members” are defined as all individuals employed Defendant New York 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., or Coney Food of NY LLC at any time during the Relevant Period, as non-exempt fast-food employees.
- 1.6 *Court.*** The “Court” means the Supreme Court of New York, County of Suffolk.
- 1.7 *Defendants.*** “Defendants” mean Bukhari Group LLC, 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, Nafees Bukhari, and Ali Butt.
- 1.8 *Defendants’ Counsel.*** “Defendants’ Counsel” Marks, O’Neil, O’Brien, Doherty & Kelly, P.C., by Kaitlyn P. Long, 580 White Plains Road, Suite 620, Tarrytown, New York 10591.
- 1.9 *Effective Date.*** “Effective Date” is the date on which this Agreement becomes effective, which means 31 days after the Court issues the Final Approval Order. If, however, an appeal of the Final Approval Order is filed challenging the fairness of the Settlement then the Effective Date shall be five days after the latest of the following: (1) the appeal is dismissed, discontinuance, or denied; (2) the Final Approval Order has been affirmed on appeal or remanded in a form substantially similar to the order entered by the Court; or (3) the time to petition for review of an appellate decision expires.

- 1.10 ***Escrow Account.*** “Escrow Account” means the escrow account established by the Settlement Administrator into which Defendant will deposit the Settlement Payment.
- 1.11 ***Fairness Hearing.*** “Fairness Hearing” means a hearing before the Court, relating to the fairness and approval of the Settlement, which occurs after the close of the Notice Period.
- 1.12 ***Final Approval Motion.*** “Final Approval Motion” means the motion, and all corresponding, supporting, and related papers, filings, and documents, to be filed by Class Counsel seeking, among other things, final approval of this Agreement, authorization to distribute the Individual Settlement Payments to the Class, and dismissal of the Litigation.
- 1.13 ***Final Approval Order.*** “Final Approval Order” means the Order entered by the Court, which grants Plaintiffs’ Final Approval Motion.
- 1.14 ***Individual Settlement Payment.*** “Individual Settlement Payment” means the amount payable to each Qualified Class Member out of the Net Settlement Fund.
- 1.15 ***Litigation.*** “Litigation” means the instant case styled as *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813 (E.D.N.Y.).
- 1.16 ***Net Settlement Amount.*** “Net Settlement Amount” means the remainder of the Settlement Amount after deductions for Court-approved attorneys’ fees, costs, and expenses, Court-approved Service Payment, Court-approved Settlement Administrator fees, and all other Court-approved fees, costs, and expenses.
- 1.17 ***Notice.*** “Notice” means the Court-approved Notice of Proposed Settlement of Class Action Lawsuit and Fairness Hearing, attached as Exhibit 1.
- 1.18 ***Notice Period.*** “Notice Period” means the time after the Notice is sent for Class Members to submit a Claim Form, Opt-Out Statement, or objection. The Notice Period shall be the later of: (1) 75 days after Notices are first mailed; or (2) 21 days after a Notice is remailed during the initial 75-day period.
- 1.19 ***Opt-Out Statement.*** “Opt-Out Statement” refers to a Class Member’s written and signed statement submitted to the Settlement Administrator that the individual is opting out of this settlement and the Class. An individual who submits an Opt-Out Statement is referred to as an Opt-Out.
- 1.20 ***Parties and Party.*** “Parties” shall mean Plaintiffs and Defendants and each is a “Party.”
- 1.21 ***Plaintiffs.*** “Plaintiffs” are Brianna Campbell, Shakeim Robinson, and Kevaughn Robinson.
- 1.22 ***Preliminary Approval Motion.*** “Preliminary Approval Motion” means the motion, and all corresponding, supporting, and related papers, filings, and documents, to be filed by Class Counsel seeking, among other things, preliminary approval of this Agreement and authorization to distribute the Notice and Claim Form to the Class.



- 1.23 Preliminary Approval Order.** “Preliminary Approval Order” means the Order entered by the Court, which grants Plaintiffs’ Preliminary Approval Motion.
- 1.24 Qualified Class Member.** “Qualified Class Member” is a Class Member who (a) does not opt out and (b) submits a valid Claim Form pursuant to this Agreement. Qualified Class Member shall also include all representatives, heirs, administrators, executors, beneficiaries, agents, spouses, children, trustees, conservators, attorneys, successors and assigns of such individual, as applicable.
- 1.25 Qualified Settlement Fund.** “Qualified Settlement Fund” means the Escrow Account.
- 1.26 Releasees.** “Releasees” means Defendants and their subsidiaries, parents, and other related entities, and all its current and former officers, directors, owners, shareholders, members, managers, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, fiduciaries, successors, assigns, and representatives, in their individual or representative capacities.
- 1.27 Relevant Period.** “Relevant Period” means May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022.
- 1.28 Service Payment.** “Service Payment” shall mean the amount of money Plaintiffs seek as compensation for the risks and time they and the individuals listed in Section 4.3 incurred in lending themselves to reaching this Agreement.
- 1.29 Settlement Administrator.** “Settlement Administrator” shall refer to the third-party administrator Xpand Legal Consulting LLC, 1968 S. Coast Hwy #220, Laguna Beach, California 92651, (949) 996-7717.
- 1.30 Settlement Administration Costs.** “Settlement Administration Costs” shall refer the third-party administrator’s fees and costs associated with its completion of its duties under this Agreement, which shall not exceed \$12,500.
- 1.31 Settlement Payment.** “Settlement Payment” and “Gross Settlement Fund” means up to \$400,000.00 that Defendants agree to pay to settle the Litigation.

## **2. PROCEDURAL ISSUES, SETTLEMENT APPROVAL AND SETTLEMENT NOTICE**

- 2.1 Retention of Settlement Administrator.** The Settlement Administrator shall be responsible for: (i) preparing, printing and disseminating to Class Members the Notice and Claim Form; (ii) copying counsel for all Parties on material correspondence and promptly notifying all counsel of any material requests or communications made by any Class Member; (iii) receiving and reviewing any Claim Forms, Opt-Out Statements, and objections submitted by Class Members; (iv) furnishing to all counsel copies of any requests for exclusion, objections, or other written or electronic communications from Class Members which the Settlement Administrator receives; (v) keeping track of requests for exclusion, including maintaining the original mailing envelope in which the request was mailed; (vi) calculating distribution amounts to Class Members, subject to the Parties’ review, in accordance with this Agreement; (vii) preparing and mailing the settlement checks and any related tax reporting forms to Plaintiff, Qualified Class Members, Class

Counsel, and any other party, entity, or individual for whom receipt of such documents is necessary or required; (viii) establishing and maintaining the Qualified Settlement Fund in accordance with applicable IRS rules and regulations; (ix) providing copies of the canceled settlement checks (front and back) that are cashed by Class Members; (x) providing a final report and affidavit, deliverable to Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, detailing the results of the class mailings and participation; and (xi) such other duties and responsibilities as the Parties jointly agree to. The Parties agree to cooperate with the Settlement Administrator and assist it in any way reasonably possible in administering the settlement. The Parties will have equal access to the Settlement Administrator, and the Settlement Administrator will provide regular reports to the Parties, no less frequently than every two weeks, regarding the status of the mailing of notices, the claims administration process, the identity and number of Class members who object to and/or opt-out of the settlement, and the distribution and redemption of the settlement checks.

## **2.2 Preliminary Approval by the Court.**

- (A) Baychester Chicken Inc., 9400 Liberty Chicken LLC, 21903 N Conduit Chicken LLC, Atlantic 107 Chicken LLC, Crispy Food Corp., and Liberty Chicken, Inc. are not a party to this Agreement. As a result, the Parties will dismiss them from this action and Plaintiffs will amend the Complaint and caption. To these ends, no later than three days after the execution of this Agreement, Class Counsel will file a notice and stipulation with the Court dismissing Baychester Chicken Inc., 9400 Liberty Chicken LLC, 21903 N Conduit Chicken LLC, Atlantic 107 Chicken LLC, Crispy Food Corp., and Liberty Chicken, Inc.
- (B) Within two days of the execution of this Agreement, Class Counsel will email Defendants' Counsel a draft of the Preliminary Approval Motion.
  - (1) Defendants will have five days to review and comment on the motion.
  - (2) If acceptable, Defendants will advise that they do not oppose the motion and Plaintiffs will file the motion as "unopposed."
- (C) Plaintiffs will file the Preliminary Approval Motion within two days after the time for Defendants to review the Preliminary Approval Motion ends. In connection with the Preliminary Approval Motion, Plaintiffs will seek an Order (among other things): (a) approving the Notice and Claim Form; (b) scheduling a fairness hearing; (c) directing the mailing of the Notice and Claim Form, and providing the Class Members an opportunity to object or request to be excluded from the settlement; (d) preliminarily approving the settlement; (e) preliminarily approving costs of administration; (f) appointing Xpand Legal Consulting LLC as the Settlement Administrator; (g) appointing Class Counsel as counsel for the Class; (h) certifying the Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for settlement purposes only; and (h) enjoining Plaintiffs and all Class Members from filing or prosecuting any claims, suits or administrative proceedings regarding claims released by the Agreement unless and until such Class Members have filed valid requests to be excluded from the settlement.

### **2.3 Final Order and Judgment from the Court.**

- (A) At least 30 days prior to the Fairness Hearing, Plaintiffs will file the Final Approval Motion.
- (B) By way of Plaintiffs' Final Approval Motion, the proposed Final Approval Order, and Fairness Hearing, the Parties will request that the Court, among other things: (a) finally certify the Class for purposes of settlement; (b) enter Judgment in accordance with this Agreement; (c) approve the settlement: as fair, adequate, reasonable, and binding on Plaintiffs and all Class Members who have not timely and properly opted out and incorporate the terms of this Agreement; (d) order the Settlement Administrator to distribute settlement checks and Service Payments, as approved, to the Plaintiffs and Qualified Class Members; (e) approve the payment of attorneys' fees and costs to Class Counsel; (f) approve the payment of fees to the Settlement Administrator; (g) dismiss the Litigation with prejudice; (h) permanently enjoining Plaintiffs and all Class Members from seeking to reopen or filing any claims against Defendant that were released by this Agreement unless such Class Members filed valid requests to be excluded from the settlement; (i) incorporate the terms of this Agreement; and (j) retain jurisdiction over the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement, as well as any and all matters arising out of, or related to, the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement and of the settlement contemplated thereby.
- (C) Class Counsel will email Defendants' Counsel a draft of the Motion for Final Approval of Class Action no later than three days after receipt of the final list of Qualified Class Members, Opt-Outs, and Objectors. Defendant will have seven days to review and comment on the draft Final Approval Motion materials. If acceptable, Defendants will advise that they do not oppose the motion and Plaintiffs will file the motion as "unopposed."

### **2.4 Denial of Preliminary or Final Approval.**

- (A) If the Court denies either motion for approval, then the Parties jointly agree to: (i) seek reconsideration of the ruling; (ii) appeal the ruling; or (iii) seek Court approval of a renegotiated settlement addressing the issues raised by the Court. Should reconsideration, appeal, or the Parties' attempt to secure Court approval of a renegotiated settlement be denied, the case will proceed as if no settlement had been attempted and the Class will be automatically decertified without prejudice to either Party.
- (B) The Settlement Administrator will provide notice to Qualified Class Members that the Agreement did not receive final approval and that, as a result, no payments will be made to each Qualified Class Member under the Agreement. Such notice shall be mailed by the Settlement Administrator via First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the last address used by the Settlement Administrator in mailing the Notice.

**2.5 No Admission of Liability or Propriety of Class Certification.**

- (A) Defendants deny any liability for the claims alleged in the Litigation, and further deny that, for any purpose other than settling this Litigation, the action is appropriate for class, collective or other representative treatment.
- (B) The Parties agree that the stipulation of class action certification is for settlement purposes only. If, for any reason, the Court does not grant approval of this Agreement, the stipulation to class action certification shall be void *ab initio*.

**3. NOTIFYING THE CLASS MEMBERS**

**3.1 Notice to Class Members**

- (A) Within seven days of the Court's issuance of the Preliminary Approval Order, Defendant will provide the Settlement Administrator and Class Counsel with the Class List, except the copy of the Class List sent to Class Counsel will not include Social Security Numbers. The Parties and Settlement Administrator shall maintain the Class List's confidentiality.
- (B) Within 10 days of the receipt of the Class List from Defendant, the Settlement Administrator will mail to all Class Members, via First-Class United States Mail, the Court-approved Notice and Claim Form. This starts the Notice Period.
- (C) The submission and processing of Claim Forms from Class Members shall be in accordance with the following procedures:
  - (1) To be timely, a Claim Form must: (a) be completed; (b) provide the information as instructed on the Claim Form; (c) be signed; and (d) be postmarked, time-stamped, or otherwise date-stamped (via, for example, email, overnight delivery, or other third-party delivery (e.g., FedEx, UPS)) to the Settlement Administrator within the Notice Period. Claim Forms that are not timely returned are null and void, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties, if good cause is determined by the Settlement Administrator or the Court.
  - (2) If a Claim Form is returned to the Settlement Administrator and not properly completed, as described above, within five business days of its receipt, the Settlement Administrator shall send a notice to the relevant Class Member via First-Class United States Mail advising the Class Member of the defects ("Cure Letter") and include a new Claim Form to be completed (with an enclosed, postage paid return envelope). The Settlement Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel with a copy of the underlying Claim Form and the proposed Cure Letter for approval prior to its issuance. The Class Member shall then have the remainder of the Claim Period or 15 days from mailing of the Cure Letter ("Cure Period"), whichever is longer, to return the new Claim Form and provide the missing information. If a Claim Form is not received within that period, the Claim

Form shall be null and void, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Parties, or if good cause is determined by the Claim Administrator.

- (3) For Class Members who contend that they submitted a proper Claim Form, acceptable evidence includes (1) proof that it was submitted timely and (2) a completed Claim Form with the Class Member's original signature, provided that the dispute is not a result of the Claim Form being lost in the mail or by another delivery service, in which case a copy or image of the completed Claim Form shall suffice. Adequate proof of a timely submission includes a receipt from the U.S. Postal Service or third-party delivery service (e.g., UPS) or an email to the Settlement Administrator showing the date and time of the email and that the completed Claim Form was attached. If a Class Member contends that the Claim Form was completed and submitted timely, but no receipt is available because the Class Member contends that the Claim Form was return in the pre-paid envelope enclosed with the Notice, that Class Member must provide a statement, under penalty of perjury, setting forth how, when, and where the Claim Form was executed and submitted, along with a copy of a completed Claim Form.
- (4) On or about the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the Notice Period, the Settlement Administrator will issue a reminder notice to those Class Members who have not returned a Claim Form, Opt-Out Statement, or objection. A copy of the proposed reminder notice is attached as Exhibit 4.
- (D) The Settlement Administrator will take all reasonable steps to obtain the correct address of any Class Members for whom a Notice is returned by the Post Office as undeliverable, including by performing one skip-trace search within 10 days of receipt of an undeliverable Notice, and shall attempt re-mailings consistent with this Agreement.
- (E) The Settlement Administrator shall email Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel each week the number of mailed, re-mailed, returned and undeliverable notices, and the number of returned Claims Forms.
- (F) Within 10 days after the last Class Member's time to return a Claim Form has expired, the Settlement Administrator will email Class Counsel and Defendants' Counsel a final list of all Qualified Class Members and PDF copies of all returned Claim Forms. Within five thereafter, Class Counsel will file a notice with Court lifting the Qualified Class Members, Opt-Outs, and Objectors.

### **3.2 Class Member Opt-Out.**

- (A) Any Class Member may request exclusion from the Class by "opting out." Class Members who choose to do so must return an Opt-Out Statement to the Settlement Administrator. The Opt-Out Statement must contain the name, address, and telephone number of the Class Member to be valid. It must also contain words to

the effect of “I elect to exclude myself from the settlement in “*Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC* (E.D.N.Y.)” to be valid. To be effective, such Opt-Out Statement must be postmarked or otherwise submitted during the Notice Period.

- (B) Persons who are eligible to and do submit valid and timely exclusion statements will not participate in the settlement, nor will they be bound by the terms of the proposed settlement, if it is approved, or the final judgment in this action.
- (C) The Settlement Administrator shall stamp the postmark date on the original of each Opt-Out Statement that it receives and shall serve a copy of each Statement on Class Counsel and Defendants’ Counsel not later than three days after receipt thereof. The Claims Administrator shall retain in its files the stamped originals of all Opt-Out Statements and the original envelopes containing Opt-Out Statements.
- (D) Within 15 days of the end of the Notice Period, Class Counsel will file a final list of all Opt-Out Statements and copies of those Opt-Out Statements with the Court via ECF, as per Section 3.1(F).
- (E) Class Members who fail to exclude themselves from the settlement, pursuant to this Section designate Plaintiffs as their representative to make decisions on their behalf concerning their state and federal wage claims, and whose rights and claims are determined by the terms of this Agreement, including the release provisions of this Agreement, as approved or modified by the Court.

### **3.3 Objections to Settlement.**

- (A) Class Members who wish to present objections to the proposed settlement at the Fairness Hearing (an “Objector”) must first do so in writing. To be valid and considered, such statement: (a) be postmarked or otherwise submitted to the Settlement Administrator within the Notice Period; (b) contain the name, address, and telephone number of the Class Member; (c) contain words to the effect of: “I object to the settlement in *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC* (E.D.N.Y.)”; and (d) set forth the reasons for the objection. The Settlement Administrator shall stamp the date received on the original objection and send a copy of the objection to Class Counsel and Defendants’ Counsel not later than three calendar days after receipt thereof. Class Counsel shall file the date-stamped objections with the Court within 10 days after the end of the Notice Period.
- (B) An Objector also has the right to request to appear at a Fairness Hearing, if one is held, either personally or through counsel hired by the Objector. Objectors who wish to appear before the Court must state their intention to do so at the time they submit their written objections.
- (C) Within 15 days of the end of the Notice Period, Class Counsel will file a final list of Objectors and copies of their objections with the Court via ECF, as per Section 3.1(F).



- (D) Class Members who fail to exclude themselves from the settlement, pursuant to this Section designate Plaintiffs as their representative to make decisions on their behalf concerning their state and federal wage claims, and whose rights and claims are determined by the terms of this Agreement, including the release provisions of this Agreement, as approved or modified by the Court.
- (E) Any Class Member who has submitted an Opt-Out Statement may not submit objections to the settlement.
- (F) Objectors may withdraw their objections at any time.

#### **4. SETTLEMENT PAYMENT AND DISTRIBUTION**

##### **4.1 Settlement Payment.**

- (A) Defendants agree to pay up to \$400,000.00, which shall resolve and satisfy: (a) Court-approved attorneys' fees and costs; (b) all Individual Settlement Payments to be paid to Qualified Class Members and Plaintiffs; (c) any Court-approved Service Payments; (d) Court-approved Settlement Administration Costs; and (e) any other fees, costs, expenses, and damages, other than Defendants' share of payroll taxes (if any), ordered to be paid by the Court. Defendants will not be required to pay anything more than the Settlement Payment into the Escrow Account.
- (B) Defendants will fund the Gross Settlement Fund in four installment payments of up to \$100,000 (the "Installment Payments"). The "Installment Payment Deadlines" are on or before: (1) April 1, 2024; (2) June 1, 2024; (3) August 1, 2024; and (4) October 1, 2024.
- (C) By each Installment Payment Deadline, Defendants will deposit into the Escrow Account the Installment Payment due.
  - (1) If the Court has not yet granted Final Approval of this Agreement, the Installment Payment due will be \$100,000.
  - (2) After Final Approval is granted, the Installment Payment due will be the lesser of either (a) the balance of the Settlement Payment due, which shall be equal to the Gross Settlement Fund less any unclaimed Individual Settlement Payments, or (b) \$100,000. If the total Settlement Payment due is less than the balance in the Escrow Account, no further payments need be made.
  - (3) If Final Approval has been granted, the Settlement Administrator will inform Defendants of the balance of the Settlement Payment due by the earlier of (a) the seven days after the Effective Date or (b) 14 days before applicable Installment Payment Deadline, or as soon as practicable, if the Installment Payment Deadline is within 20 days of the issuance of the Final Approval Order.

- (D) The Settlement Administrator will provide Defendants with the logistics for making the Settlement Payment.
- (E) On or before the “Distribution Date” (defined in Section 4.1(F)), the Settlement Administrator will distribute the money in the Escrow Account by making the following payments:
  - (1) Paying Class Counsel’s Court-approved attorneys’ fees and costs as described in Section 4.2(A).
  - (2) Paying the Plaintiffs and Class Members listed in Section 4.3(A) the Court-approved Service Payment as described below.
  - (3) Paying Qualified Class Members their portion of the Net Settlement Fund as described in Section 4.4.
  - (4) Paying the Settlement Administration Costs.
  - (5) Refunding Defendants’ overpayment, if any, into the Escrow Account.
- (F) Distribution of the money in the Escrow Account is contingent on the passing of the Effective Date. The Distribute Date will be the earlier of (a) 10 days after the final Installment Payment is made or (b) 14 days after the Effective Date if the final Installment Payment has already been made.

#### **4.2 Settlement Amounts Payable as Attorneys’ Fees and Costs.**

- (A) Plaintiffs’ Final Approval Motion shall include a request for Class Counsel to receive no more than one-third of the Gross Settlement Fund as an award of attorneys’ fees (i.e., \$133,333.33). Class Counsel shall also seek reimbursement of their reasonable costs and expenses from the Settlement Payment of no more than \$5,000.00. The attorneys’ fees are to compensate Class Counsel for all work already performed in the Litigation, and all the work remaining to be performed in documenting the settlement, securing Court approval of the settlement, making sure the settlement is fairly administered and implemented, and obtaining dismissal with prejudice of the Litigation. The approved attorneys’ fees and costs shall be paid from the Gross Settlement Fund.
- (B) The substance of Class Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and costs is not part of this Agreement and is to be considered separately from the Court’s consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, adequacy, and good faith of the settlement of the Litigation. The outcome of any proceeding related to Class Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and costs shall not terminate this Agreement or otherwise affect the Court’s ruling on the Approval Motion. Any monies under Section 4.2(A) not approved by the Court become part of the Net Settlement Fund.



#### **4.3 Service Payments.**

- (A) Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs and the following Class Members shall receive Service Payments, totaling \$35,000, in the following amounts: Brianna Campbell (\$12,000); Shakeim Robinson (\$10,000); Kevaghn Robinson (\$7,500); Kayla Brathwaite (\$3,000), and Lakyra Lovell (\$2,500).
- (B) The substance of Plaintiffs' application for service payments is not part of this Agreement and is to be considered separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, adequacy and good faith of the settlement of the Litigation. The outcome of the Court's ruling on the application for the service payment shall not terminate this Agreement or otherwise affect the Court's ruling on the Approval Motion. Any monies not approved by the Court become part of the Net Settlement Fund. Defendants will not oppose Plaintiffs' request for Service Payments.

#### **4.4 Distribution to Qualified Class Members.**

- (A) Qualified Class Members will be deemed eligible for a payment as set forth in this Section.
- (B) The Settlement Administrator shall determine, subject to Class Counsel's review, each Class Member's estimated proportionate share of the Net Settlement Fund before issuing Notice and then determine each Qualified Class Member's Individual Settlement Payment after the Final Approval Order is issued. Each Class Member's proportionate share shall be determined by (a) multiplying the estimated Net Settlement Fund by (b) the individual's allocation points divided by the total allocation points for the Class. The points will be calculated by awarding each Class Member one point for each dollar of gross wages Defendants paid to that Class Member during the Relevant Period, increased by 1/10th based on the number of weeks employed between April 14, 2021 and the end of the Relevant Period.
- (C) Class Counsel's and the Settlement Administrator's calculations regarding Qualified Class Members' proportionate shares of the Net Settlement Fund will be final and binding.
- (D) Defendant and the Settlement Administrator shall exchange such information as is necessary for the Settlement Administrator to make proper tax withholdings, if any, and comply with all tax reporting obligations.
- (E) The Settlement Administrator shall use reasonable efforts to make an additional mailing to Qualified Class Members whose checks are returned because of incorrect addresses. Such efforts shall include using social security numbers to obtain better address information. Any additional efforts undertaken shall be in the sole discretion of Class Counsel.
- (F) Qualified Class Members and Plaintiffs must redeem their Individual Settlement Payments and any Service Payment will have the greater of (1) 120 days after their

check date or (2) 30 days from the reissuance thereof. On the 60<sup>th</sup> day of this 120-day period, the Settlement Administrator will issue a reminder notice to the Qualified Class Members whom had not yet negotiated their checks. If Qualified Class Members do not redeem their Individual Settlement Payments and Service Payment within the 120-day period, their checks will be void. If a Qualified Class Member alerts the Settlement Administrator or Class Counsel during the 120-day period to redeem Individual Settlement Payments or any Service Payment that he or she has not received his or her check, the Settlement Administrator will, upon confirming that the check in question has not been redeemed, issue a stop payment on the original check and reissue that Qualified Class Member's check.

- (G) All payments to Plaintiffs and the Qualified Class Members made pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be paid to Plaintiffs and the Qualified Class Members solely in the year in which such payments actually are received.

#### **4.5 Cy Pres Donation.**

- (A) Within 21 days after the close of the check cashing period described in Section 4.4(F), the Settlement Administrator shall donate all funds remaining in the Escrow Account, resulting from uncashed checks, to the following *cy pres* designee, subject to Court approval: Brandworkers Inc., PO Box 1257 Long Island City New York 11101.

#### **4.6 Settlement Administrator's Fees and Costs.**

- (A) Class Counsel shall petition the Court for reimbursement of the reasonable fees and costs of the Settlement Administrator of up to \$12,500 as part of the Approval Motion. Defendant will not oppose the Settlement Administrator's request for fees and costs.
- (B) The substance of Class Counsel's application for the Settlement Administrator's expenses and costs is not part of this Agreement and is to be considered separately from the Court's consideration of the fairness, reasonableness, adequacy, and good faith of the settlement of the Litigation. The outcome of any proceeding related to this application shall not terminate this Agreement or otherwise affect the Court's ruling on the Approval Motion. Any monies not approved by the Court become part of the Net Settlement Fund.

### **5. TAXABILITY OF SETTLEMENT PAYMENTS**

#### **5.1 Funds Distributed to Qualified Class Members.**

- (A) 50% of the payments from the Net Settlement Fund shall be treated as back wages and 50% of the payments from the Net Settlement Fund pursuant to Section 4.4 shall be treated as non-wage liquidated damages, penalties and prejudgment interest.

- (B) Payments treated as back wages pursuant to Section 5.1(A) shall be taxed at the Plaintiffs or Qualified Class Members applicable salary rate (not the bonus rate) and made net of all applicable employment taxes, including, without limitation, federal, state and local income tax withholding and the employee share of the PICA tax, and shall be reported to the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) and the payee under the payee’s name and social security number on an IRS Form W-2.
- (C) Payments treated as liquidated damages, penalties and prejudgment interest pursuant to Section 5.1(A) shall be made without withholding and shall be reported to the IRS and the payee, to the extent required by law, under the payee’s name and social security number on an IRS Form 1099.

## **5.2 Attorneys’ Fees, Service Payments, and the Settlement Administrator’s Fees**

- (A) Payments of attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.2(A) shall be made without withholding. Class Counsel will receive a Form 1099 for this payment. A Form 1099 may also be issued to any Plaintiffs or Qualified Class Member as required by law.
- (B) Service Payment to Plaintiffs pursuant to Section 4.3(A) shall not be deemed to be wages and will be made without withholding and reported to the IRS and the payee under the payee’s name and social security number on an IRS Form 1099.
- (C) Payment of the Settlement Administrator’s fees and costs pursuant to Section 4.3(A) shall be made without withholding. The Claims Administrator will receive a Form 1099 for this payment.

## **6. RELEASE**

**6.1 Release of Claims.** As of the Effective Date, and except as to such rights or claims created by this Agreement, Plaintiffs and all Class Members who do not opt out release Releasees from all wage-and-hour claims alleged in the Complaint, arising from the Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, during the Relevant Period, pursuant to the NYLL and Fair Workweek Law of New York City, which is inclusive of all claims for backpay, other equitable relief, liquidated damages, compensatory damages, unpaid costs, interest, punitive damages, wages, overtime wages, gratuities, penalties of any nature whatsoever. In addition, Qualified Class Members shall release Releasees from all related wage-and-hour claims alleged in the Complaint, arising from their employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, under the Fair Labor Standards Act, 29 U.S.C. §§ 201 *et seq.*

**6.2 Release of Claims for Service Payments.** In addition to the waiver and release contained in Section 6.1, and in consideration for the Service Payment, Plaintiffs and those receiving a Service Payment will provide Defendant and all Releasees with the enhanced release described in this Section.

- (A) As of the Effective Date, Plaintiffs on behalf of themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, voluntarily release and forever discharge Defendants and all Releasees from any claims whatsoever, in law or equity, which they may have against Releasees as of the date of the Preliminary Approval Order, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, arising out of their employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, including, but not limited to, any claims under federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, the Federal and New York Equal Pay Acts, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Fair Credit Reporting Act; the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, the New York State Human Rights Law, the New York Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act; the New York Civil Rights Law, the New York Paid Sick Leave Law, the New York paid Family Leave Law, the New York Corrections Law, the New York Labor Law, The New York City Human Rights Law, the New York City Earned Safe and Sick Leave Law, all statutes as amended.
- (B) Subject to Court approval, Plaintiffs will receive their Service Payments in exchange for the above-described release by virtue of executing this Agreement. Other Service Payment recipients, however, must execute the claim form setting forth the terms of this release, attached as Exhibit 3, to receive their Service Payment.
- (C) If the Court denies Plaintiffs' request for Service Payments, this Section 6.2 shall be null and void.

## 7. MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1 **No Assignment.** Class Counsel and Plaintiffs represent and warrant that they have not assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, any interest or claim in this Litigation, or any portion thereof.
- 7.2 **Admissibility.** This Agreement is a settlement document and shall be inadmissible as evidence in any proceeding, except an action or proceeding to approve, interpret, or enforce the terms of this Agreement.
- 7.3 **Cooperation Among the Parties; Further Acts.** The Parties shall cooperate fully with each other and shall use their best efforts to obtain the Court's approval of this Agreement and all of its terms. Each of the Parties, upon the request of any other party, agrees to perform such further acts and to execute and deliver such other documents as are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

- 7.4 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with regard to the subject matter contained herein, and all prior and contemporaneous negotiations and understandings between the Parties shall be deemed merged into this Agreement. All waivers, modifications or amendments of the terms of this Agreement must be in a signed writing executed by the Parties. Any failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance by the other party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver of future performance of the same provisions or of any of the other provisions of this Agreement, and such party, notwithstanding such failure, shall have the right thereafter to insist upon the specific performance of any and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 7.5 Bidding Effect.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the Parties.
- 7.6 Arm's Length Transaction; Materiality of Terms.** The Parties have negotiated all the terms and conditions of this Agreement at arm's length. All terms and conditions of this Agreement in the exact form set forth in this Agreement are material to this Agreement and have been relied upon by the Parties in entering into this Agreement.
- 7.7 Captions.** The captions and headings of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and have no effect upon the construction of the construction Agreement.
- 7.8 Construction.** Each party participated in drafting this Agreement. The terms of this Agreement shall not be construed against any party by virtue of draftsmanship.
- 7.9 Blue Penciling.** Following the Effective Date, if any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be void, voidable, unlawful or unenforceable, the remaining portions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.
- 7.10 Governing Law.** This Agreement shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced and governed by and under the laws of the State of New York, without regard to choice-of-law principles, except to the extent that the law of the United States governs any matter set forth herein, in which case such federal law shall govern.
- 7.11 Continuing Jurisdiction.** The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement as well as any and all matters arising out of, or related to, the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement and of the settlement contemplated thereby.
- 7.12 Signatures and Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed as an original but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. Signature pages may be executed by "wet" signature (i.e., using pen and paper) or electronic signature (e.g., using DocuSign). The executed signature pages may be delivered using facsimile or electronic means, including pdf or similar file type transmitted via email, cloud-based server, or e-signature technology.

**PLAINTIFFS**

By: Brianna Campbell  
Brianna Campbell

Dated: 02 / 07 / 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shakeim Robinson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevaughn Robinson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANTS**

**Bukhari Group LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**4399 Bronx Chicken LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Baychester Chicken BG LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3555 White Plains BG LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3411 Jerome Ave Corp.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Coney Food of NY LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAINTIFFS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brianna Campbell

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Kevaughn Robinson  
Kevaughn Robinson

Dated: 02 / 07 / 2024

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shakeim Robinson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3411 Jerome Ave Corp.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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By:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Shakeim Robinson

Dated: 02 / 07 / 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**Baychester Chicken BG LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3411 Jerome Ave Corp.**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**4399 Bronx Chicken LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**3555 White Plains BG LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



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Brianna Campbell

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevaughn Robinson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shakeim Robinson

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEFENDANTS**

**Bukhari Group LLC**

By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: MEMBER

Dated: 2/14/24

**4399 Bronx Chicken LLC**

By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: MEMBER

Dated: 2/14/24

**Baychester Chicken BG LLC**

By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: MEMBER

Dated: 2/14/24

**3555 White Plains BG LLC**

By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: MEMBER

Dated: 2/14/24

**3411 Jerome Ave Corp.**

By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: PRESIDENT

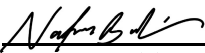
Dated: 2/14/24

**Coney Food of NY LLC**


By:   
Name: NAFEES BUKHARI

Title: MEMBER

Dated: 2/14/24

By:   
Nafees Bukhari

Dated: 2/14/24

By:   
Ali Butt

Dated: 2/14/24

# **Exhibit 1**

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York**  
***Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al., No. 22 Civ. 2813***

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

[NAME]  
 [ADDRESS]  
 [CITY, STATE ZIP]

**If you worked for Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Restaurants at any time since May 13, 2019, you may be entitled to a payment from a class action settlement.**

*A court authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.*

- Former employees of Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Restaurants incorporated as 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC filed a class and collective action lawsuit against these entities and Bukhari Group LLC, Nafees Bukhari, and Ali Butt (collectively, “Defendants”) alleging they violated their employees’ wage-and-hour rights. Defendants deny these allegations and maintain that its employees were properly paid.
- This notice is to inform you of a proposed settlement in this case affecting individuals employed at any time between May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022.
- Under the proposed settlement, Defendant agreed to pay \$400,000 (the “Settlement Amount”) to be allocated among affected employees who qualify for a settlement payment, as well as to pay attorneys’ fees, service payments, litigation costs, and the expenses of administering the settlement. Through this proposed settlement, you are entitled to receive approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_, which is based on the wages you were paid between May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022. As detailed below in Paragraph 5, to participate in the settlement, you must return a properly completed Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator, postmarked or received by **[insert date]**.
- Your legal rights may be affected. You have a choice to make now:

<b>YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THIS SETTLEMENT:</b>	
<b>RETURN THE CLAIM FORM</b>	If you return a claim form, you will remain part of the case and receive a settlement payment of approximately \$_____. You will also release certain claims under state and federal law.
<b>DO NOTHING</b>	If you do not return the claim form and you do not exclude yourself, you will remain part of the case, but you will <b>not</b> receive a payment. You will also release certain state law claims.
<b>EXCLUDE YOURSELF</b>	If you submit a timely exclusion statement, you will not be part of the settlement of this case. This is the only option that allows you to retain your right to sue Defendants.  <i>If you exclude yourself from the settlement, you will not be entitled to a settlement payment.</i>
<b>OBJECT</b>	If you object to the settlement, you may write to the Court about why you disapprove of the settlement. If you object in writing, you may also ask to speak in Court about the fairness of the settlement. You may not, however, object to the settlement if you exclude yourself from it.

- These rights and options – **and the deadlines to exercise them** – are explained in this notice.
- The Court in charge of this case still has to decide whether to approve the settlement. Payments will be made if the Court approves the settlement and after any appeals are resolved. Please be patient.

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***Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813**

**1. Why did I get this notice?**

Defendants records state that you worked as one of the Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Restaurants incorporated as Bukhari Group LLC, 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC at some time between May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022. The Court has ordered that you be sent this notice because you have a right to know about a proposed wage-and-hour settlement of a class action lawsuit, and about your options, before the Court decides whether to approve the settlement.

This notice explains the lawsuit, the settlement, your legal rights, and what benefits are available.

The case is pending before the Honorable Peggy Kuo, U.S.M.J., in Eastern District of New York. This lawsuit is known as *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813.

The people who filed the lawsuit are called the “Plaintiffs.” The companies being sued, 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, which do business Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen Restaurants, and two individuals, Nafees Bukhari, and Ali Butt, is called the “Defendants.”

**2. Why is there a settlement?**

This lawsuit is about whether Defendants paid its employees all wages due under federal, state, and city laws, and gave them proper paystubs. Defendants maintain that all employees were paid properly. Defendants deny any liability in this action.

The Court *did not* decide in favor of Plaintiffs or Defendants.

**3. Why is this a class action?**

In a class action, individuals called “Class Representatives” sue on behalf of people who have similar claims. These people together are a “Class” or “Class Members.” The individuals who sued are called the Plaintiffs. One court resolves the issues for everyone in the Class – except for those who choose to exclude themselves from the Class.

**4. How much will my payment be?**

If you return a timely Claim Form, you will be entitled to receive approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_, subject to final approval of the Court. This amount is determined based on the agreed-upon allocation formula, which provides that employees will receive a share of this settlement based upon the total wages paid from May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022. The Settlement Agreement contains the exact allocation formula. To obtain a copy of the Settlement Agreement, please contact the Class Counsel or Settlement Administrator.

Neither Class Counsel nor Defendant make any representations concerning tax consequences of participating in this settlement. You may wish to seek tax advice before acting on this Notice.

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**5. How can I get my payment?**

To get your payment, you must return a properly completed Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator postmarked or received no later than **[date]**. A pre-paid envelope is enclosed for your convenience. You may also return your Claim Form by e-mail:

Popeye's Settlement  
c/o Xpand Legal Consulting LLC

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

If you submit a Claim Form to the Settlement Administrator by the deadline, you will be sent a settlement check if and when all appeals, if any, are resolved and the settlement becomes effective. If you do nothing or choose to exclude yourself, you will not receive a payment.

It is recommended that you make a copy of, take a picture of, or scan your completed Claim Form, before returning it. Keep a copy of it along with this notice and any proof of mailing (such as a postage receipt or your email submitting the Claim Form) for your records.

**6. What am I giving up to get a payment?**

Unless you exclude yourself (as explained in Paragraph 7), you will remain in the Class. This means that you cannot sue, continue to sue, or be part of any other lawsuit against Defendant asserting violations of the New York Labor Law and Fair Workweek Law of New York City that occurred before July 29, 2022. It also means that all the Court's orders will apply to and legally bind you.

Furthermore, if you submit a Claim Form, you consent to join this case under the Fair Labor Standards Act. You will release your right to sue Defendants under the Fair Labor Standards Act for overtime claims that arose before July 29, 2022.

**7. How do I opt out of the settlement?**

If you do not want to receive a settlement payment and participate in this settlement, you must send a letter by mail that unconditionally states your intent to opt out of the settlement. You must include your name, address, telephone number, and signature. Your exclusion request must also contain words to the effect of "I elect to exclude myself from the settlement in *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813 (E.D.N.Y.)," and such request must be postmarked or received no later than **[insert date]**. Exclusion requests must be sent to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed above in Paragraph 5.

If you ask to be excluded, you will not get any settlement payment, and you cannot object to the settlement. You will not be legally bound by anything that happens in this lawsuit. You may also be able to sue (or continue to sue) Defendants in the future about some of the legal issues in this case if the time period to bring such claims has not expired.

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**8. If I don't exclude myself, can I sue Defendants for the same thing later?**

No. Unless you exclude yourself, you give up any rights to sue Defendants for violations of the New York Labor Law and Fair Workweek Law of New York City. If you have a pending lawsuit, speak to your lawyer in that case immediately to see if this settlement will affect your other case. Remember, the exclusion deadline is [insert date].

**9. How do I object to the settlement?**

If you're a Class Member, you can object to the settlement if you disapprove of any part of it. You can give reasons why you think the Court should not approve it. The Court will consider your views. To object, you must send a letter to the Settlement Administrator that includes words to the effect of "I object to the settlement in *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813 (E.D.N.Y.)" along with your reasons for objecting and whether you wish to be heard at a Fairness Hearing. Be sure to include your name, address, telephone number, and your signature. Send the objection to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed above in Paragraph 5.

Your objection must be postmarked or received no later than [insert date].

**10. What's the difference between objecting and excluding?**

Objecting is simply telling the Court that you disapprove of something about the settlement. You can object only if you stay in the Class. If you exclude yourself from the settlement, you may not object. Excluding yourself is telling the Court that you don't want to be part of the Class. If you exclude yourself, you have no basis to object because the case no longer affects you.

**11. When and where will the Court decide whether to approve the settlement?**

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on [insert date and time], at United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201, in Courtroom 11C South. The hearing will be held [description].

At this hearing the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will consider any objections and listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the settlement and how much to pay Class Counsel. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

**12. Do I have to come to the hearing?**

The Court will hold a Fairness Hearing on [insert date and time], at United States District Court Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201, at Courtroom 11C South. The hearing will be held [description].

At this hearing the Court will consider whether the settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate. The Court will consider any objections and listen to people who have asked to speak at the hearing. After the hearing, the Court will decide whether to approve the settlement and how much to pay Class Counsel. We do not know how long these decisions will take.

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If you submit a timely objection to the Settlement Administrator before [the Notice Response Deadline], you may attend the Fairness Hearing at your own expense or pay your own lawyer to attend the Court. Even if you do not attend the hearing, the Court may consider it.

**13. Do I have a lawyer in this case?**

The Court has decided that the lawyers at the law firm of Kessler Matura, P.C. is qualified to represent you and all Class Members. These lawyers are called “Class Counsel.” You may contact Class Counsel with any questions you have about the settlement. Their contact information is:

Troy L. Kessler	Delmas A. Costin, Jr.
Garrett Kaske	The Law Office of
Kessler Matura P.C.	Delmas A. Costin, Jr., PC
534 Broadhollow Road, Ste. 275	930 Grand Concourse, Suite 1F
Melville, NY 11747	Bronx, NY 10451
Tel: (631) 499-9100	Telephone: (718) 618-0589
tkessler@kesslermatura.com	dacostin@dacostinlaw.com
gkaske@kesslermatura.com	

You will not be charged separately for these lawyers, because Class Counsel is being paid from the fund established as part of the settlement. You do not need to retain your own attorney to participate as a Class Member. If you do not opt out of the Class and want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

**14. How will the lawyers be paid?**

Class Counsel has asked the Court to approve payment of up to one-third of the Settlement Amount (\$133,333.33) for attorneys’ fees. These fees are to compensate Class Counsel for investigating the facts, litigating the case, negotiating the settlement, and supervising the administration of the settlement. Class Counsel has also asked the Court to approve payment of up to \$5,000 for their out-of-pocket costs, excluding the cost of the Settlement Administrator. The cost of the Settlement Administrator will also come from the settlement fund but will not exceed \$12,500.

Class Counsel has also asked the Court to approve payments totaling \$35,000 to the three Class Representatives and the two other Class Member who participated in this case before a settlement was reached, in recognition of the risks they took and their service to the Class.

**15. Are there more details about the settlement?**

This notice summarizes the proposed settlement. More details are in the Settlement Agreement. You can get a copy of the Settlement Agreement by contacting Class Counsel. If you would like more information about this settlement, please contact Class Counsel, whose information is listed in Paragraph 13.

DATED:



# **Exhibit 2**

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York**  
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**CLAIM FORM**

[Name]  
[Street]  
[City, State Zip]

**YOUR ESTIMATED SETTLEMENT SHARE:** If you properly submit this Claim Form by the deadline, you should receive approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_, minus applicable taxes.

**DEADLINE:** To receive your settlement payment, you must complete, sign, and return this Claim Form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope. Your Claim Form must be postmarked or received on or before **[60<sup>th</sup> day from mailing]**. If you lose the envelope, you can mail the Claim Form to the below address. You may also return the Claim Form by fax or e-mail to the Settlement Administrator.

Popeye's Settlement  
c/o Xpand Legal Consulting LLC  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS:** If you change your address, please inform Settlement Administrator of your new address. It is your responsibility to keep a current address on file with Settlement Administrator.

**RELEASE:** By signing, dating, and returning this Claim Form, you agree to be bound by the Settlement Agreement, and you will release all wage-and-hour claims alleged in the Complaint, arising from the Plaintiffs' and Class Members' employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, during from May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022, pursuant to the NYLL and Fair Workweek Law of New York City.

In addition, by returning this Claim Form you consent to join this case under the Fair Labor Standards Act and will release your right to sue Defendants under the Fair Labor Standards Act for overtime claims that arose before July 29, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

**YOU MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM BY [60 DAYS FROM MAILING]  
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENT.**

# **Exhibit 3**

**United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York**  
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**SERVICE PAYMENT CLAIM FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having reviewed the Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) in *Campbell, et al. v. Bukhari Group LLC, et al.*, No. 22 Civ. 2813, consulted with my counsel, and had sufficient time to consider same, agree and understand as follows:

1. **Consideration.** By signing and returning this Service Payment Claim Form, I will be eligible to receive a Service Payment amounting to \$\_\_\_\_\_.00, provided that the Court approves the Agreement and my Service Payment as is. In exchange for this Service Payment, I agree to release Defendants from any claims I may have against them, as set forth below:

- a. **Release of Claims.** By signing, dating, and returning this Claim Form, I agree to be bound by the Settlement Agreement, and you will release all wage-and-hour claims alleged in the Complaint, arising from the Plaintiffs’ and Class Members’ employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, during from May 13, 2016, through July 29, 2022, pursuant to the NYLL and Fair Workweek Law of New York City.
- b. **General Release.** In addition to the waiver and release above, and in consideration for the Service Payment, I, on behalf of myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, voluntarily release and forever discharge Defendants and all Releasees from any claims whatsoever, in law or equity, which I may have against Releasees as of the date of the Preliminary Approval Order, whether known or unknown, asserted or unasserted, arising out of their employment with Defendants 4399 Bronx Chicken LLC, Baychester Chicken BG LLC, 3555 White Plains BG LLC, 3411 Jerome Ave Corp., and Coney Food of NY LLC, including, but not limited to, any claims under federal, state or local laws, including but not limited to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1965, Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code, the Federal and New York Equal Pay Acts, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, the Immigration Reform and Control Act, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Fair Credit Reporting Act; the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act, the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, the New York State Human Rights Law, the New York Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act; the New York Civil Rights Law, the New York Paid Sick Leave Law, the New York paid Family Leave Law, the New York Corrections Law, the New York Labor Law, The New York City Human Rights Law, the New York City Earned Safe and Sick Leave Law, all statutes as amended.

2. **Definitions.** I understand that the capitalized terms are defined in the Agreement and those definitions are incorporated into this form.

3. **Settlement Share.** By signing, dating, and returning this Service Award Claim Form, I further agree to be bound by the Agreement and accept my Individual Settlement Payment, which is estimated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed)

# **Exhibit 4**

**Popeye's Settlement**  
**c/o Xpand Legal Consulting LLC**

[City], [State] [Zip]

**Forwarding Service Requested**

[insert name and address of class member]

**REMINDER REGARDING THE  
POPEYE'S SETTLEMENT**

You should have received a Notice explaining that you may be eligible to participate in a settlement for employees of certain Popeye's Louisiana Kitchen Restaurants.

Our records show that you have not submitted a Claim Form. If you would like to participate in the settlement, you must complete a Claim Form and mail, fax, or email it by [date] to the Settlement Administrator at:

**Xpand Legal Consulting LLC**

[City], [State] [Zip]

Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_.com

If you have any questions about the settlement, you can contact the attorneys at Kessler Matura P.C. at (631) 499-9100 or the Settlement Administrator. If you lost your Notice and Claim Form, please contact the Settlement Administrator at [(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_] or by email.

Thank you.

# **Exhibit 5**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRIANNA CAMPBELL, SHAKEIM ROBINSON, and :  
KEVAUGHN ROBINSON on behalf of themselves and :  
others similarly situated, : Case No. 22 Civ. 2813 (PK)

Plaintiff, :

- against - :

BUKHARI GROUP LLC, NAFEES BUKHARI, an :  
individual, ALI BUTT, an individual, 4399 BRONX :  
CHICKEN LLC, BAYCHESTER CHICKEN BG LLC., :  
3555 WHITE PLAINS BG LLC, 3411 JEROME AVE :  
CORP., and CONEY FOOD OF NY LLC, :

Defendants. :  
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**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION  
PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND  
CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS**

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiffs’ Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Action Settlement and Conditional Certification of the Settlement Class (“Preliminary Approval Motion”). In support of the Preliminary Approval Motion, Plaintiff submitted a Memorandum of Law in Support of the Preliminary Approval Motion (the “Memorandum of Law”), the Declaration of Troy L. Kessler (“Kessler Declaration”) and supporting exhibits. Defendants do not oppose the motion.

Based upon the Court’s review of the Memorandum of Law and Kessler Declaration, the Court preliminarily approves the class action settlement memorialized in the Agreement, attached to the Kessler Declaration and conditionally certifies the Class for settlement purposes.<sup>1</sup> The Court appoints Kessler Matura, P.C. and the Law Office of Delmas A. Costin, Jr., PC as

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<sup>1</sup> All capitalized terms are defined in the Agreement, unless indicated otherwise.



Class Counsel and Xpand Legal Consulting LLC as the Settlement Administrator. The Court adopts the following settlement procedure set forth in the Agreement:

1. No later than seven days after the issuance of this Order, Defendants will provide the Settlement Administrator with the Class List, in accordance with Sections 1.4 and 3.1(A) of the Settlement Agreement.
2. Within 10 days after the Settlement Administrator receiving the Class List, the Settlement Administrator will mail the approved Notice to all Class Members, via First Class Mail, in accordance with Section 3.1(B).
3. Class Members will have 75 days from the date the Class Notice is mailed to participate in, exclude themselves from, or object to the settlement, in accordance with Sections 3.1(C), 3.2(A), and 3.3(A).
4. The Court will hold a final fairness hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m., at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, 225 Cadman Plaza East Brooklyn, New York 11201, in Courtroom 11C South.
5. The hearing will be held \_\_\_\_\_ [in person / by telephone / by videoconference].

The Court hereby authorizes Defendants to disclose the Class Members' Social Security Numbers to the Settlement Administrator for purposes consistent with the Agreement.

The Class Members are enjoined from filing any action against Defendants regarding those claims released in the Agreement unless and until such Class Members have filed valid requests to be excluded from the settlement.

The Parties shall abide by the terms of the Agreement.

This constitutes the Decision and Order of this Court:

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

**SO ORDERED:**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Hon. Peggy Kuo  
United States Magistrate Judge

# **Exhibit 6**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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BRIANNA CAMPBELL, SHAKEIM ROBINSON, and :  
KEVAUGHN ROBINSON on behalf of themselves and :  
others similarly situated, : Case No. 22 Civ. 2813 (PK)

Plaintiff, :  
: :  
: :

- against - :  
: :  
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BUKHARI GROUP LLC, NAFEES BUKHARI, an :  
individual, ALI BUTT, an individual, 4399 BRONX :  
CHICKEN LLC, BAYCHESTER CHICKEN BG LLC., :  
3555 WHITE PLAINS BG LLC, 3411 JEROME AVE :  
CORP., and CONEY FOOD OF NY LLC, :  
: :

Defendants. :  
-----X

**[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION  
FINAL APPROVAL OF THE CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT**

This matter came before the Court on Plaintiffs' Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement ("Final Approval Motion"). In support of the Final Approval Motion, Plaintiff submitted a Memorandum of Law in Support of the Final Approval Motion (the "Memorandum of Law"), the Declaration of Troy L. Kessler ("Kessler Declaration") and supporting exhibits. Defendants do not oppose the motion.

Based upon the Court's review of the Memorandum of Law and Kessler Declaration, the Court approves the class action settlement as follows:

1. The Parties' settlement, memorialized in the Agreement attached to the Kessler Declaration as Exhibit A, is fair, adequate, reasonable, and binding on Plaintiff and all Class Members who have not timely and properly opted out pursuant to Section 3.2. As a result, the Court approves the settlement and "So Orders" all its terms which are incorporated herein.

Capitalized terms used in this Order have the same meaning as set forth in the Agreement, unless defined otherwise.

2. The Court grants final certification of the Class for settlement purposes.
3. The Court approves the Service Payment set forth in Section 4.3(A) of the Agreement.
4. The Court grants Plaintiff's request for attorneys' fees and out-of-pocket costs and expenses.
5. The Court approves of the selection of Brandworkers Inc. as a *cy pres* designee as per Section 4.5.
6. The Court adopts the following settlement procedure set forth in the Agreement:

<b><u>Event or Deadline</u></b>	<b><u>Due by Date or Date Certain</u></b>
Deadline for Settlement Administrator to distribute the Settlement Checks.	By the earlier of (a) 10 days after the final Installment Payment is made or (b) 14 days after the Effective Date if the final Installment Payment has already been made.
Deadline for Class Members to cash their Settlement Checks. ( <i>I.e.</i> , the end of the check cashing period.).	120 days after the Claims Administrator distributes the Settlement Checks.
Donation of the uncashed funds, if any, to the <i>cy pres</i> designee.	21 days after the close of the check-cashing period.

7. The parties shall abide by the terms of the Agreement.
8. With the exception of those Class Members who filed valid requests to be excluded from the settlement, Plaintiffs and all Qualified Class Members are permanently enjoined from seeking to reopen or filing any claims against Defendants that were released by this Agreement.
9. The Litigation is dismissed with prejudice.

10. The Court shall retain jurisdiction over the interpretation and implementation of this Agreement, as well as any and all matters arising out of, or related to, the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement and of the settlement contemplated thereby.

11. This constitutes the decision and order of this Court.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

**SO ORDERED:**

\_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Hon. Peggy Kuo  
United States Magistrate Judge